

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A cooking apparatus, comprising:

a support stand having a grill coupling section;

a grill assembly releasably coupled with the coupling section of said support stand, and said grill assembly having a stand alone leg assembly which is ~~supported~~ received by said support stand when said grill assembly and support stand are coupled, and wherein said stand alone leg assembly is collapsible and expandable between a collapsed state for support stand reception to an expanded state wherein said leg assembly extends radially outward into a stand alone grill support position.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said grill assembly and support stand are coupled in a telescoping relationship.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein said leg assembly is vertically telescopically received by said support stand.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said grill assembly includes a coupling projection which extends into a reception cavity formed in said support stand.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 4 wherein said support stand comprises a pedestal stand with a base section and a stem, and said stem having an upper opening which opens into said reception cavity and said base having a periphery greater than a maximum cross-sectional periphery of said stem.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 4 wherein said leg assembly has an upper portion that is radially inward of a peripheral portion of said projection.

Claim 7 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 6 wherein said leg assembly is collapsible and expandable between a collapsed state wherein all leg assembly components are radially internal of said peripheral portion of the projection to an expanded state wherein said leg assembly extends radially external to said peripheral portion of said projection.

Claim 8 (Canceled):

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of Claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1 wherein said grill assembly comprises a grill base housing and said leg assembly includes a plurality of legs having an upper end coupled to said grill base housing and leg free ends which rotate between the collapsed and expanded states.

Claim 10 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein said legs, when in the expanded state, slope downwardly and radially outward in an angle of 30 to 60 degrees from a horizontal plane.

Claim 11 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said grill assembly includes a grill base housing and a slide post extending below said grill base housing and said leg assembly includes a plurality of legs, a plurality of link members and connection means supported by said slide post.

Claim 12 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein said connection means includes axially extending sliding slots formed in said post with insertable engagement slide ends of said link members received in respective sliding slots and precluded from radial release when in leg retention mode.

Claim 13 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein said connection means includes a sliding member slidable along said post.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein said sliding member is a ring member extending about said post and slideable along an axis of extension of said post, and said link members extending radially out from a connection end with said ring member into connection with a respective one of said plurality of legs.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein said link members have a first pivot connection at the ring member connection end and a second pivot connection at the leg connection end.

Claim 16 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 15 wherein said link members extend out from said ring member in spoke like fashion and said ring member is adjustable between an upper leg collapsed mode and a lower leg expanded mode.

Claim 17 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 16 wherein, when said ring member is in the leg expanded mode, said link members are arranged so as to extend with 10° of the horizontal or horizontal.

Claim 18 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein said link members have an outer end having a first side wall orientation and a radially inner end having a different side wall orientation.

Claim 19 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 18 wherein said link members comprise bars with twisted intermediate sections.

Claim 20 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein said legs have a U-shaped cross section and said link members are pivotably engaged with said legs and have a portion received within a leg cavity defined by side walls defining said U-shaped cross sectioned legs.

Claim 21 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising coupling means for coupling the grill assembly and support stand.

Claim 22 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein one of said grill assembly and said support stand includes a coupling projection and an opposite one of said grill assembly and support stand includes a projection reception cavity.

Claim 23 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 22 further comprising securement means for securing the coupling relationship between said grill assembly and support stand, and wherein said securement means is a non-tool required, finger engagable securement device.

Claim 24 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein said securement means includes a latch assembly.

Claim 25 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein said securement means includes a finger manipulatable fastener.

Claim 26 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a grill base body and a fuel supply line that is arranged such that the same fuel supply container can be used without

detaching or adjusting the position of the fuel supply container both when said support stand and grill assembly are coupled and when said grill assembly is removed from said support stand.

Claim 27 (Original): The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a grill base body and a fuel supply line having an external section extending externally to said grill base body and an internal line section extending within a cavity defined by said grill base body, and said external section being rigid enough to suspend a fuel source container out away from an exterior surface of said grill base body.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A cooking apparatus comprising:

- a grill assembly;
- a support stand which supports said grill assembly for stand up cooking;
- coupling means for coupling said grill assembly and support stand, and
- said grill assembly includes a stand alone support assembly that is received by said support stand when said grill assembly is coupled to said support stand and provides a stand alone support to said grill assembly upon separation of said grill assembly from said support stand, and wherein said stand alone support assembly has means for expansion and contraction, which includes a collapsible and expandable leg assembly with said leg assembly being received by an upper section of said support stand when in a collapsed state and providing stand alone capability in said grill assembly upon being detached from said support stand and placed in an expanded state.

Claim 29 (Original): The cooking apparatus of Claim 28 wherein said stand alone grill support assembly places said grill assembly at a lower height than said support stand.

Claim 30 (Original): The cooking apparatus of Claim 28 wherein said support stand includes a reception cavity and said stand alone support assembly is received within said support stand reception cavity when said grill assembly and said support stand are coupled.

Claim 31 (Canceled):

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus of Claim ~~[[31]]~~ 28 wherein said stand alone support assembly includes a leg set and a linkage assembly that is collapsible and expandable.

Claim 33 (Original): The cooking apparatus of Claim 32 wherein said grill assembly includes a base body and a post extending below said base body and said stand alone support assembly includes a leg set and a linkage assembly that is connected to a slide that is arranged for sliding along said post.

Claims 34-42 (Canceled)

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): A method of assembling a cooking apparatus, comprising:  
providing a support stand;  
providing a grill assembly having a collapsible leg assembly in a collapsed state;  
inserting the collapsible leg assembly into the support stand and positioning said grill assembly so as to be supported by said support stand.